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SUBJECT: 33RD UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY; DISCUSSION OF SENEGALESE AND US  
VIEWS

REF: STATE 225331

1. DCM AND POLOFF MET SEPTEMBER 12 WITH BALLA DIA, CHIEF OF UN  
AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, SENEGALESE MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DISCUSSED PERSPECTIVES FOR NEXT UNGA AND OUT-  
LINED US POSITIONS AS TRANSMITTED REFTEL. DCM EMPHASIZED  
IMPORTANCE OF UN EFFORTS IN NAMIBIA AND REVIEWED ANTI-APARTHEID  
MEASURES WHICH UNITED STATES HAS UNDERTAKEN. HE UNDERLINED  
NECESSITY OF AVOIDING ACERBIC DEBATE ON MIDDLE EAST AND NOTED US  
OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL SESSION ON PALESTINE WHICH COULD ONLY  
SERVE TO PROPAGANDIZE AND ACCENTUATE DIFFERENCES RATHER THAN  
EFFECT A SETTLEMENT. DCM POINTED OUT THAT REVIVAL OF ZIONISM AS  
RACISM CONCEPT NOT ONLY BECLOUDED DIALOGUE ON MIDDLE EAST BUT  
OBSTRUCTED U.S. COLLABORATION AGAINST APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA.  
NON-ALIGNED POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AS SEEN IN BELGRADE  
COMMUNIQUE GAVE PROMISE OF EMERGING CONSENSUS IN UN ON BASIC  
HUMAN RIGHTS, AND WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY CARTER ADMINI-  
STRATION, DCM NOTED.

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2. DIA SAID SENEGAL FULLY SUPPORTED UN EFFORTS IN NAMIBIA BUT  
HEAVY COMMITMENTS IN LEBANON AND ZAIRE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY PRECLUDE  
ANY ACTIVE SENEGALESE PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM. IDEA OF FUNDING  
UN TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE GROUP THROUGH SUPPLEMENTAL  
APPROPRIATION TO GENERAL BUDGET WAS CONCEPT SENEGAL COULD SUPPORT  
BUT ONE WHICH EASTERN BLOC WOULD CERTAINLY OPPOSE. DIA THOUGHT

THAT UNITED STATES WOULD BE CRITICIZED FOR NOT OPPOSING APARTHEID MORE VIGOROUSLY. HE EXPECTED RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR FULL TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

3. THE COURSE OF UN DISCUSSIONS ON MIDDLE EAST DEPENDED TOTALLY ON OUTCOME OF CAMP DAVID TALKS, DIA THOUGHT. IN ANY CASE, SENEGAL WOULD SUPPORT SPECIAL SESSION ON PALESTINE, IN PART BECAUSE OF ITS TRADITIONAL SPECIAL INTEREST IN MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS, AND BECAUSE SENEGAL FAVORED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AS MEANS OF DIPLOMATIC DISCOURSE.

4. DIA EXPRESSED HIS OWN SURPRISE AT TENOR OF STATEMENT ON PUERTO RICO IN BELGRADE COMMUNIQUE AND CONCLUDED THAT THIS NON-ALIGNED POSITION MADE MORE LIKELY A STANCE IN UNGA INIMICABLE TO US POSITION. HOWEVER, SINCE MAJORITY OF NON-ALIGNED HAD NOT FOLLOWED SENEGAL IN ITS VIEWS ON CANARY ISLANDS, SENEGAL MIGHT FIND IT EASIER TO BREAK WITH NON-ALIGNED CONSENSUS ON PUERTO RICAN ISSUE. DIA STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO PUERTO RICO, WE "SENSITIZE" PRESIDENT SENGHOR IN ORDER TO ENSURE GOS SUPPORT.

5. SENEGAL FAVORED EXPANSION OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS ROLE, DIA SAID. IF UNITES STATES PUSHED ITS HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSALS FORECEFULLY IN UNGA, IT MIGHT WELL GAIN SUPPORT FROM SENEGAL AND OTHER AFRICAN STATES.

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8. DIA SAID THAT ECONOMIC ISSUES WOULD AGAIN BE IMPORTANT BUT SUGGESTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE MORE FOUCS ON PARTICULAR PROBLEMS THAT ON GLOBAL PRINCIPLES OF NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. NOTE: SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S RECENT WHITE PAPER ON UNGA SPECIFICALLY CALLED ON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO MEET THEIR COMMITMENTS TO THE SECOND DECADE OF DEVELOPMENT.

7. COMMENT: INITIAL IMPRESSION FROM THIS HOUR-LONG DISCUSSION IS THAT SENEGALESE ARE PREDISPOSED TO COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO ACQUIESCE ON PUERTO RICO, TO APPLY PRESSURE ON APARTHEID QUESTIONS, AND TO WAIT AND SEE ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS. ON LATTER ISSUE, IF IT COMES TO A VOTE, THEY WILL INVARIABLY BE ON ARAB SIDE.  
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